Application No. 10/681,088 Response to Office Action

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 3 and 4 is respectfully acknowledged.

New independent claims 5 and 7 have been prepared to recite the allowable subject matter of (now canceled) claims 3 and 4, respectively, rewritten in independent form to include all of the subject matter of their (now canceled) parent claim 1.

In addition, new claims 6 and 8 have been prepared to recite the subject matter of (now canceled) claim 2 depending from claims 5 and 7, respectively.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that new claims 5-8 be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that new claims 5-8 are in condition for immediate allowance.

THE TITLE

The title has been amended to more clearly indicate the nature of the invention to which the claims are directed, as required by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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